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1. Along the main road from Elkhovo to the Turkish border and in the country adjoining, a system of fortifications has been established. Most of the work was done by the Trudovaks (Labor Army). The main works are near the village of Knyazhevo, about ten kilometers from Elkhovo. They are near the big bridge across the Tundzha River, which is regarded as the second finest bridge in Bulgaria. These fortifications extend as far as the village of Sren/sig/ three kilometers east of Knyazhevo.
2. Between these two villages, seven antitank obstacles have been constructed on the road itself. Some of these obstacles are moveable, consisting of concrete blocks, which can be left by the side of the road, out of the way, and yet put into position on the road, swiftly and easily.
3. In cliffs along the road, emplacements have been dug out for AT guns. The cliff further has shelters for from ten to fifteen persons, and observation posts. Along the top of the cliff, machine gun emplacements have been constructed and trenches (1.2 meters deep) have been dug. [redacted] reports emplacements in the cliff for mortars.

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